

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION  
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE**

IAC Conference Room  
150 W. Market Street, Suite 618  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
November 25, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Sandi Clark, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Jeff Kuehl

Members via teleconference: Sandi Clark, Jeanne Mirro, Earl Williams, Suzie Rentschler, Andrea Grossman, Anna White

Members absent: none

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin

Guest: Ron Stratten

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Ms. Clark convened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
2. **Consent Agenda and Minutes.** Ms. Mirro moved and Ms. Grossman seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed.
3. **Year-to-Date Financials.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing IAC budget figures through October 31, 2008. IAC is currently 6% under budget.
4. **2010 – 2011 Budget/Office of Budget Management Presentation/State Proposed Strategies to Maintain a Balanced Budget.** Mr. Ricci reported on recent developments in the state Office of Budget Management and the effect on the IAC budget. All state agencies are experiencing a 7% holdback in their budgets for the current fiscal year. The amount of money saved throughout state government will meet about one-third of the revenue shortfall the state is expecting, and so the Office of Budget Management is asking agencies to consider scenarios in which there would be an additional 4% holdback or an additional 7% holdback. Mr. Ricci presented the memorandum he prepared for the budget office showing these additional holdbacks (attached). Mr. Ricci, along with IAC Chair Dick Stifel, will be meeting with state budget officials on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Additional measures to be undertaken on the state level include a hiring freeze, looking at revenue fund balances within agencies, and asking agencies to prioritize their services in the event that services need to be cut. Mr. Ricci is hopeful that an additional holdback would not affect granting programs.

**5. Looking to a New Strategic Planning Process.** Mr. Ricci reported on recent progress in developing a new Strategic Plan for IAC. He stressed the importance of the planning process in the light of obtaining continuing funding from major sources such as the National Endowment for the Arts. He presented a handout (attached) which was excerpted from the recent IAC application to the NEA, documenting the 2005 strategic planning process. Mr. Ricci has invited Ron Stratten to assist IAC in the strategic planning process. Mr. Stratten was Chair of the IAC during the last strategic planning process in 2005. Mr. Stratten spoke briefly about the experiences of the last planning process, and made suggestions such as developing an on-line needs assessment survey in the early part of 2009. He also suggested garnering more public input at an earlier stage of the planning process than before. Several committee members concurred, offering further suggestions of ways to get public input by means of in-person surveys at various locations and events.

**6. Old Business.** There was no old business.

**7. New Business.** Mr. Ricci showed a brief Powerpoint presentation which he prepared for the state budget office. It will be a visual aid at the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Kuehl announced that his term as chair of the Regional Arts Partners will expire at the end of the calendar year, and that he will no longer be a member of this committee. Jan Shupert-Arick will become the new chair of the RAP and will take his place on this committee.

**8. Adjourn.** Ms. Mirro moved for adjournment. Ms. Rentschler seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.